

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 21 are in the case.

Claims 1 through 21 are being cancelled.

New claims 22 through 45 are being introduced. New claims 22 through 42 are identical to claims 1 through 21 as presented in the Amendment filed on February 4, 2009.

New claims 43 is based on claim 22 and Figs. 4 and 5.

New claim 44 is based on Figs. 4 and 5.

New claim 45 is based on Fig. 3.

It is unclear whether the restriction and/or election requirement of the Office Actions of 06/09/2008 and 10/30/2008 applies to new claims 22 through 42. If yes, the applicant elects the species A, Figs. 4 and 5, without traverse. Presumably claims 32 through 36, and 38 through 42 should be withdrawn from the examination without prejudice of their introduction at the later point in time. The same question pertains to new claims 43 through 45.

A clean copy of specification, which should be subject of examination, was filed on June 19, 2009. A marked-up copy of the specification was filed with the USPTO on February 4, 2010.

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As far as drawings of the present application are concerned, the applicant requests examination of the drawings of Figs. 1-21, as filed with the application on April 28, 2006, and two replacement sheets of Figs. 4a, 5a, 5'a, 4b, 5b, 5'b, 4c, 5c, 5'c, 4d, 5d, 5'd as filed with the USPTO on February 4, 2009, and four replacement sheets of Figs. 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 5, 6A, 6B, 21, as filed on February 17, 2009.

The Abstract of the disclosure was filed by the applicant on June 19, 2009 and February 4, 2010.

Reconsideration of all outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

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